

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF WASTE LAND INTO FERTILE LAND

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the farmers of Alwar district of Rajasthan have converted the waste land into fertile one by using the method of rain water harvesting and by making small beds;
- (b) the contribution of the Union Government to make this method popular all over the country;
- (c) whether a large quantity of rain water goes waste every year in the country for want of developed mechanism to collect rain water; and
- (d) the number of schemes being implemented by the Government for enhancing water resources in Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Rain water conservation and harvesting is an integral component of Watershed development programmes, which are being implemented all over the country. Keeping in view the diverse agro-ecological situations, location specific technologies are adopted for rain water harvesting under the watershed development programmes.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Schemes implemented by Government of India for enhancing water resources in Rajasthan are as follows:-

1. National Watershed Development project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA).
2. Soil Conservation for enhancing productivity of degraded lands in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers (RVP & FPR).
3. Desert Development Programme (DDP).
4. Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP).
5. Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP).
6. Integrated Afforestation and Eco-development Projects Scheme (IAEPS).
7. Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS).